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Who's Who Among Baptists And Shawites

Task Force To Publish Baptist Primer And Meditations

By Dr. E.B. Turner

Raleigh — A special Task Force met at Shaw University last August 18th, to begin work on the publication of a new Black Baptist Primer and Devotional Handbook. - "Daily Manna."

The task force was appointed by president Joy J. Johnson during the All Baptist Assembly in Winston Salem earlier in August. Dr. Johnson stated that "the need for a "Primer", simple enough for any layman to understand, and a daily devotions book, is urgent."

He pointed out that many denominational and non-denominational groups publish

devotions books which are in use by Baptist folk. "Many of these books have doctrinal differences and emphasis that are in opposition to Baptist beliefs. Continuing to have a publication of our own that we can put into the hands of people to clarify our point of view".

There were a considerable number of outstanding Baptist leaders and educators in attendance at the meeting. The following sub-committees were appointed from those present: Development of Black Beliefs, (1) Convention Objectives, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Dr. C.C. Craig, and Dr. John Fleming. (2) The

Primer, Dr. J.W. Fleming, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Dr. C.C. Craig, Rev. Ronald Swain, Rev. Leo Williams, Mr. O.A. Dupree, and Dr. J.Z. Alexander. (3) Devotional Meditation (Daily Manna), Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman, Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, Mrs. Sidney Locks, Dr. C.W. Ward, Mrs. J.B. McLester, Mr. O.A. Dupree, Mrs. Roberta G. Ward,

(4) Prayers for Special Emphasis (agencies and institutions), Dr. C.R. Edwards, Chairman, (5) Development of Black Baptist in North Carolina, Dr. W.B. Lewis, Chairman. (6) Development of Black Baptist in the United States, Dr. C.W. Ward, Mrs. Thelma Lennon, Rev. A.J. Johnson, Dr. W.R. Grigg and Dr. Corbin L. Cooper.

Others in attendance at the meeting were: Dr. R.L. Fields, acting President of Shaw, Mr. Thomas Kee, Mrs. M.A. Horne, and Editor Horton.

The committees were instructed to meet in a special

session on September 28 to begin the compilation of the materials, which will be combined in one packet size publication. January 1977 has

been set as a target date for the Primer and Devotional Book to be put into circulation.

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Reflections From The All Baptist Assembly

Winston Salem - Baptist from across the nation converged on Winston Salem last August and filled the Benton Convention Center to capacity. It can be observed that during the Wednesday a.m. Session the Center was filled to capacity. This was a warm and enthused congregation of Christian men and women, boys and girls. A familiar face can be seen on the front row, left, in the photo; that of Rev. Wesley Grant of Asheville, N.C. From time to time the Convention was warmed by his witty comments. One of his favorite comments is "I like that".

Also seen in the foreground on the front row is Mrs. Vera Slade of Ahoskie, N.C. who is a former president of the Woman's Convention and recently elected president of the Lott Carey

Baptist Convention Women's Auxiliary.

The serious looks on the delegates faces bespeaks the intensity of the interest that was seen throughout the Assembly.

Looking towards the stage, the photo shows the All Baptist Assembly prior to the President's Annual message. Presiding over this session is Dr. E. Burns Turner, right of the speaker's podium.

The young woman at the speaker's podium is Mrs. Georgia Guest, who sang a solo just before the President's address. As she sang, "Precious Lord" the hearts of all the congregation were warmed as the Spirit of the Lord moved from heart to heart and from breast to breast. It was one of the highlights of the Convention.

Dr. Boone Ends 48-Year Career

By Mrs. Grace Wall

Kinston - Following seven fruitful and highly successful years as Pastor of First Baptist Church, East Street, Kinston, and following many more years of progressive and outstanding leadership in Religion and Education, in other places, our beloved pastor, Dr. R. Irving Boone, has recently announced that he will retire from the pulpit effective on Sunday, October 17, 1976.

In recognition of Dr. Boone's distinguished leadership and his many accomplishments at First Baptists, together with his many other remarkable services in numerous other positions, we at First Baptist Church, are observing, Sunday, October 17 as "Dr. R. Irving Boone Day". A special tribute will be that of a Testimonial Service at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, October 17.

His announcement from the pulpit on Sunday, August 1, that he would retire from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, effective October 17, noted the termination of a 48-year professional tenure on the part of Dr. R. Irving Boone.

A two-year principalship of the Lincoln Heights High School of Wilkesboro, was followed by a ten year period as supervising principal of the 96-teacher, Rockingham-Richmond County Negro Schools. During five of these years, he served as pastor of the Providence Baptist Church of Rockingham and the



Dr. R. Irving Boone

Friendship Baptist Church of Hamlet.

In 1964, he accepted an appointment to the faculty to Elizabeth City State University, in the capacity of Assistant Professor of Sociology and Campus Minister. He served the University for a period of ten years, retiring from his post there in 1974. With his major concentration in the areas of Religion and Education Dr. Boone has found time to identify himself with a variety of activities, on the local, state and national levels.

For the past fifteen years, he has served as editor of The Masonic Journal, official organ of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Free and accepted Masons in North Carolina, and as Grand Director of Public Relations - for a token honorarium.

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Old Gospel Heard In New Century

Dallas, Texas — The General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. chartered a plane to Dallas, Texas for the National Baptist Convention, Inc. The 92 passengers departed from the Raleigh-Durham Airport, September 6 at 10:00 p.m.

The sessions were held at the Dallas Convention Center. The highlights of the Convention included: (1) a Pre-Musical Program held on Tuesday night, with the auditorium filled to its capacity. (2) On Wednesday morning President Jackson called the Convention to order. (3) On Thursday morning we were favored with the President's Annual Message. He dealt superbly with the idea of Calvary. As usual, the message was one dealing with the vital issues of today's church. The emphasis was focused on the relationship of the age old Gospel message to the present day. The conclusion was that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is as relevant to today's world as it was to that of the Apostles. The Gospel still contains the answer to the problems and challenges that face modern society. The

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Check Up Session Planned At Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount — Still rejoicing and feeling the joy of the Holy Spirit received during the All Baptist Assembly in Winston Salem last August 2-5, 1976, Baptists from all over North Carolina will meet in Rocky Mount, November 4 to give an accounting of the year's stewardship. The call has gone forth from president Joy J. Johnson and Executive Secretary O.L. Sherrill: "for everything that hath breath, naming the name of Baptist in Christ, to meet at St. James Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, November 4, 1976".

This will be a special session of the General Baptist State Convention and all of its auxiliaries, coming together to hear reports of the work for the

1975-76 Convention year. The schedule was so full during the All Baptist Assembly until there was very little time for reporting of the Convention's work. This has been a most unusual Convention year, and Convention officials are anxious for every ear to hear the good news of Progress.

Under the President's new thrust which calls upon every Baptist, "To invest the total self in the work of Christ ... and produce fruit", marvelous things have been undertaken. Therefore, leaders and workers alike are anxious to learn the results of this year's labors under the new emphasis.

As usual, all pastors and auxiliaries are urged to bring up a liberal contribution from their

fields of labor. Special emphasis has been placed upon those churches, auxiliaries, and individuals who did not report a financial contribution during the All Baptist Assembly. If the impact of the Baptist influence is to be felt throughout the state of North Carolina, it is imperative that support come from every constituent in the Convention. Contributions should not be made to gain influence nor to make an outside show, but because of one's love for the Cause of Christ.

Direction To
St. James Baptist
Church

The St. James Baptist Church, located on East Thomas Street, Rocky Mount, N.C., will be host for the up-coming special

session. The Session will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and close after the 2:00 p.m. Session on November 4. St. James is one of the States leading churches having such distinguished pastors as the late Dr. W.L. Mason.

The Reverend Charles T. Bullock is pastor of the church, and has assured Convention officials that no pains have been spared in making necessary preparations for the delegates

comfort. St. James has always been a leader in stewardship and Christian education. For many years, the church has given a large contribution for Missions through any church in the Neuse River Baptist Association.

It has also been announced that the Executive Board of the General Convention will be in Session at St. James Church on Wednesday, November 3, at 6:00 p.m., and the General Board meeting will follow at 8:00 p.m.

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Dear Sir:

Please renew my subscription to the "Informer" and open a new one for Mrs. Carrie Bryan.

I have enjoyed the articles from the "Informer" for many years now and do not wish them to stop.

Thank you for your superb

reporting of the state or Convention family.

May God ever Bless.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pauline B. Whittington
Rt. 2, Box 235
Wilkesboro, N.C. 28697

Church Racial Difficulties Can Be Solved, Minister Says

By David Wilkinson
RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — If relations between predominantly black and predominantly white churches in America are to improve, the changes will have to come in small increments, a black Baptist minister said at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here.

Too many genuinely concerned church leaders make the mistake of dealing with the race issue by trying to involve the entire congregation at once, says Paul Nichols, senior minister of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. The result, he emphasizes, is that good intentions often backfire because of short-sighted idealism.

"The starting place has to be small," Nichols says. "You have to start with something other than groups because the fears, suspicions and prejudices that keep churches apart are really group fears."

"To overcome that," he adds, "you have to start at the barest level of human relationships — one-to-one relationships or one family to another family. If you can get families to share together — meals in the home, for example — when they're not under group pressure, then you have an excellent starting place."

Nichols, who serves a predominantly black church in Richmond with approximately 800 members, led a session on the future of black-white church

relationships during the Student Conference, sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Nichols is also the dean of the school of theology of Virginia Union University, one of only three predominantly black schools fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

From one-to-one encounters between blacks and whites, churches can move to group relationships, Nichols believes. Any number of activities can serve as beginning points, from alternating Sunday school classes between black and white churches, to social or recreational get-togethers such as cookouts or bowling.

Nichols, however, offers a suggestion for these group encounters.

"My recommendation is that you don't discuss race unless it naturally develops," he explains. "There are so many issues and so many concerns we hold in common. I think we are ahead if we can hold onto those issues, rather than getting involved in the polarities of the race issue."

Nichols stresses that bridges between black and white churches will never be built as long as people continue to voice such statement as "religion is colorless" or "God is colorblind."

"God may be colorblind, but

nobody else is," he explains. "We must address ourselves to the realities of human existence."

"This is where we have our greatest problem. I think we want to know how much we can become like black folks and how much we can become like white folks so we can all have this wonderful life together. This is not what it's about."

"You've got to deal with my blackness, with my cultural difference," Nichols says. "I have a right to be black and I have a right to be different. I shouldn't have to be the same as you to like you, to worship with you."

"I think we ought to be able to work out some means by which we can live in a community and acknowledge our differences."

One difficulty, Nichols says, is that often the minister is willing to step forward in the race issue, while the church is not.

"I have seen many pastors who have literally wept because they are powerless to move their congregations to do what the gospel demands," he says. "I recommend that pastors in a community get together and select a Sunday in which all of them plan to speak strongly on the race issue. Then they will have mutual support and one won't have to bear all the pressure himself."

Despite the intricate problems, Nichols believes that progress is being made.

"There are many more white integrated churches today and many more that are willing to be integrated than previously was the case," Nichols says. "Yet there is still the whole question of control. Many white integrated churches are unwilling to give blacks positions of authority in the church, and this suggests a kind of distrust, another one of those subtle ways that the inferiority of blacks comes through. The problem resides in the whole history of racism, which many people may not even be aware of."

"We've come a long way, but we have a long way to go."

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Slavery Exists In Parts Of World

By Biblical Recorder
New York — Don't relax yet! In this enlightened world, slavery is still widespread in Latin America and Africa with babies being sold for \$2 in some places, according to a new United Nations report. A Rhodesian law provides prison sentences for workers absent with leave, intoxication, careless or improper performance of work, disobedience, abusing or insulting language or

leaving a "master's service without lawful cause", the report said.

After discharge from prison, if the employee fails to resume his service, he can be sentenced over and over again a month at a time until he consents to and does resume his service. While we're deploring these conditions, don't forget our own migrant work camps that are better than they were but not what they ought to be.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

The Women's Convention Tops In Stewardship

\$25,025.25 Reported By North Carolina Women

By Mrs. Thelma C. Horton

Dallas, Texas — The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina, was declared the "Best Stewardship" Convention in the United States for a second time, during the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., in Dallas, last September 7-10.

Executive Secretary Horne was crowned the "Queen of the Nation" and was presented a diamond ring amid a gala ceremony during the Woman's Session. Mrs. Horne received the

honor because of the \$25,025.25 that she presented from the North Carolina women.

Along with the ring, Mrs. Horne received a "A National Banner" for the Woman's Convention. (A full story and photo will be carried in the November issue of the "Baptist Informer". The diamond ring, which Mrs. Horne won is a dazzling beauty, containing seven diamonds.

The diamonds are set in a 14k white gold band, with one large diamond in the center, surrounded by six smaller ones.

She wears the ring with modesty and justly earned pride. Congratulations, not only to Mrs. Horne, but to each of the dedicated women who helped to raise the winning contribution. It is a signal honor for each of our loyal supporters.

The "National Banner" will be presented to the Woman's Convention by Executive Secretary Horne.

The second runner-up in the contest was the state of Alabama, which reported \$8,324.01 funds raised in this effort will be used to build a Hospital in Malawi, South Africa. Each of us, who has had a part in raising these funds

should have a feeling of satisfaction, knowing that we have had a part in making life just a little better for someone less fortunate than ourselves.

Mrs. Horne is the Associate Director of all finance for the Women's Department of the National Baptist Convention. When asked by the officials of

the Convention how North Carolina was able to make such a fine showing; Mrs. Horne answered: "Because we have 'one' Convention in our state we have learned to work together and let the Lord Jesus Christ direct our work, through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit".

Exec's Right Arm, Hostess

Winston-Salem — Miss Betty J. Chisolm, Raleigh, Assitant to the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, served as chief Hostess for the Banquet sponsored by the women during the All Baptist Assembly in August.

Women adorned in long dresses and men smartly attired in their best apparel were escorted to their tables by a charming group of young women. Their poise, dignity, and Christian spirit set the tone for a beautiful evening.

Included in the above photo (standing) are some of the Young Adults from Forsyth County who are to be commended for a job well done. The pleasant smile portrayed by Rev. S.R. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, and Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, Fayetteville, third vice president of Woman's Baptist State Convention is only

a reflection to the faces of 900 persons who enjoyed a most relaxing stimulating and informative evening.

A closer view of the photo will reveal the guest speaker, Dr. F.G. Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, in the upper left hand corner.

Dr. Sampson electrified the group as he challenged "Black people and all Christians to strive to go beyond more survival and to discover what it means to 'be'".

Others included are Mrs. Clara Hayes, the illustrious president of Forsyth County Union and Executive Board Chairman, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention and Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, jr., pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte and the Program Chairman of the All Baptist Assembly.



Mrs. A. B. McCleave

In Memoriam

Mrs. A.B. McCleave

Siler City — Our beloved sister A.B. McCleave was quietly laid to rest amid the solemnity of the hallowed dead on Monday, August 30, 1976. As the choir sang, "Peace in the Valley" and "Precious Lord" her family and friends paid their final respects to her memory.

The Eulogy was timely and masterfully delivered by the Reverend James E. Brown, pastor of Sixth Avenue First Baptist Church, Siler City, N.C.

The General Baptist State Convention of N.C. and the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Inc., were very well represented. This service brought to a close the career of one who was well known and who will never be forgotten among Baptist circles.

Honors Received At Lott Carey

By Thelma C. Horton

Richmond, Va. — Because of the unlimited support given to the Lott Carey Baptist foreign Mission Convention by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina; Executive Secretary Horne was chosen to represent the Lott Carey Convention during the meeting of the Women's Department of the World Baptist Alliance in Freeport, Bahamas in October

1977.

The World Baptist Alliance is an organization that meets every five years. Lott Carey will underwrite Executive Horne's expenses, with supplements by the Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary.

All our women share in the honor that has come to our beloved leader, because of continued support and concern for the work of the Foreign field.

Baptist Heads On Parade

Winston Salem — Just as soldiers march to and fro, performing their varied duties, Baptists from every nook and corner in North Carolina marched to and fro from the homes, hotels, and other places of lodging to Benton Center to perform their varied duties during the All Baptist Assembly, August 1976.

The above photo, is typical of many scenes observed during the week of the Assembly. From left to right, Mrs. M.A. Horne, executive Secretary treasurer looking to her right; Miss Natalie Mitchell, president.

State Young Adult Department; Dr. W.R. Grigg, Director of Development, Shaw Divinity School, fac is shadowed by his charming wife, Mrs. Grigg; Miss Elizabeth Brooks, State Youth President; Dr. J.J. Johnson, president of the General Baptist Convention and his wife, Mrs. Omega F. Johnson, who serves as chairlady of the Baptist Minister's Wives Fellowship; and Mrs. J. B. McLester, President, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention.



Poverty Affects More Black Women

By Religious News Service (9-1-76)

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — Twice as many widowed black women age 65 and older were living below the poverty level as were widowed white women, the most current available Department of Health,

Education and Welfare statistics indicate.

There were 599,000 widowed black women age 65 and older in the country in 1975, of whom 271,000 (or 45.2 per cent) were living below the poverty level of \$2,357 in a non-farm area and \$2,002 in a farm area.

Widowed white women age 65 and older totaled 5,855,000, of whom 1,297,000 (or 22.2 per cent) were living below the poverty level.

A factor is that the percentage of women 65 and older who are widows in all income brackets is greater than for widowed white

women. The figures are 60.2 per cent for black widows and 51.5 for white widows age 65 and older.

"More than four of every ten elderly black widows were below the poverty level and about seven of every ten elderly black females who lived alone

reported incomes below this level," according to Donald G. Fowles, HEW Data Analysis and Dissemination Division, Office of Human Development, who prepared a statistical memorandum titled "Elderly Widows."

Lott Carey Chose Christ's Way

Richmond, Va. — (Editor's note: The following featured article concerning the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is the second in a continuing series of articles, which will be published monthly in connection with the General Baptist State Convention's Program of monthly emphasis of the Convention's six objectives. In the month of emphasis, all Baptists, Conventions, Auxiliaries, Associations, Pastors, and Departments are requested to emphasize that objective and secure as much financial and moral support as possible).

The "way-of-salvation" for mankind is the continuing struggle against the destructive forces of evil is the way of Jesus Christ. The simple truth is the deacon light that gives direction to the leadership of Lott Carey, and enables it to be an instrument of salvation to countless souls in foreign lands. Questions have always been raised about the methods and means that are most effective in freeing man from evil. Some believe that the good life of salvation and freedom can be realized through a use of brute and hostile forces of various



Politics gave way to religion at the Lott Carey in Richmond, Va. where Dr. C.R. Edwards presided at the 79 session in the center. At left president Edwards of Fayetteville, N.C. gives religious rules to the representatives J.J. Johnson, Fairmont, N.C., a member of N.C. General Assembly and mayor Noel C. Taylor, of Roanoke, Va. while executive secretary Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville of Washington, D.C. gives serious attention.

sorts; and in their way of thinking they feel that the means justify the end results. However, those who have believed in Jesus Christ and have experienced the new birth in Him, know that

Jesus was right when He said: "...I am the way, the Truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". (St. John 14:6)

The Lott Carey Baptist

Foreign Mission Convention has chosen the "way of Christ", and this way has led to success for Lott Carey and salvation for countless thousands. This great Convention, the only one of its

kind in the nation, has held Christ up as the "Light of the World". The leadership of the Convention has not contributed to the military strength of the peoples that it has aided, but it has touched them with love in the name of Jesus Christ. The emphasis has been on salvation of the soul, aid to the sick and needy, and education both Religion and secular. Mission stations have been established, churches have been built, and local leaders have been educated.

It is not always easy to follow the way of Christ, because the chief characteristic of evil is that it obscures the individual's ability to see, understand and accept the truth of God. Yet in the face of overwhelming odds, misunderstanding, toils and snares, Lott Carey has followed the way of Christ without wavering. For this fidelity, God has blessed the Convention and prospered it.

This issue of the "Baptist Informer" brings the highlights of the recent Annual Session of the Convention in Richmond, Va., other aspects of the Convention's work will be emphasized in later issues.

New Officers Named For Lott Carey

By S.R. & Johnson, Jr.

Richmond, Va. — Dr. J.D. Bussey, Pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, Washington D.C., was elected President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, meeting at the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Rev. Rosco D. Cooper, Pastor, August 31 - September 2, in its 79th Annual Session. The Rev. Dr. B.J. Robinson, of Cedar Street Baptist Church, Richmond, was elected as new Second New President. Mr. Robinson, who pastors the largest black congregation in Virginia, is a native of Roanoke and is the youngest elected official in the Lott Carey's history. Rev. G.L. Bowick, Pastor Rodman Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA was elected as First Vice President.

Dr. Jasper Freeman, Queen Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., was returned as Returning Secretary; Dr. Charles W. Ward, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., was elected as

Assistant Recording Secretary; and Dr. L.J. Shipmon, Youngstown, Ohio, was chosen as Statistician.

Women's Department - Mrs. Vera Slade, of Ahsokie, NC, was elected to head the Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. Helen Benton, Baltimore, Md., elected as First Vice President; Mrs. Inez Thomas, Columbus Ohio, elected Secretary.

Young People's Department — Howard Parker, Winston-Salem, N.C. will again head the Young People's Department; Mr. Lloyd G. Bussey, Columbus, Ohio was elected to lead the Laymen's League.

Mrs. Louise Slater, Bryn Mawr, Pa., was employed as Director of Women's Work Secretary, and will be attached to the Headquarters of the Convention at 1501 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Mrs. Slater's employment is the result of convention expansion in all departments. She has worked

as Supervisor of the Young People's Department, directed by Dr. M.G. Woods, Baltimore, Md.

The president, Dr. C.R. Edwards, of the 3,500 church Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention urged delegates here to support expected moves by the convention leadership to establish new missions in emerging African nations and in Rhodesia and South Africa.

Dr. Edwards, who stepped down after three years as president suggested the support during his annual address on the Convention's third day at Fifth Street Baptist Church. He suggested that the new programs would be part of any expansion of foreign missions resulting from increased pledges from the member congregations.

However, to help facilitate the work, he called for recruitment of missionary couples.

He envisioned aid to Rhodesian and South African blacks through technical assistance, enabling blacks in those lands to improve their status.

The Convention is enjoying great popularity with the member congregations, with a \$500,000 budget this year that is 14 per cent more than that of the previous year.

This year, 171 congregations and religious groups contributed at least \$1,000 to the budget. Nearly half of them are in North Carolina one of the convention's strongholds.

Convention officials also foresee expansion of the annual budget and the inner circle of those contributing at least

\$1,000,000. S.K. Arthur and Paul B. Addae, of Ghana, West Africa, addressed the meeting and looked forward to becoming members of Lott Carey's Outreach Program. The native missionaries said that they go to places where western missionaries will not go because there are no conveniences or feeder roads, comforts, or electricity. They appealed to the assembled body to open a mission station there. Mr. Arthur stated that the salaries of twenty native missionaries employed under his supervision averages \$30 per month.

Dr. W.C. Sommerville, Washington, D.C., in his 36th Annual Report to the body, showed more than 3,000 active

churches, who sent 2,000 delegates to the meeting. He stated that improvement has been made in all areas of the foreign work, and that Jeremiah Walker, a native of Liberia, has been appointed to supervise the convention work there.

Two black mayors addressed the session, Noel Taylor, Pastor of High Street Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., Lawrence Davies, Fredericksburg, Va., pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Old Site. Both pastors reported over \$1,000.00 from their respective congregations.

Next year's session will be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the New Zion Baptist Church, Reverend A. Russell Awkard, pastor.



Newly elected president J.D. Bussey at left begins a new year with Dr. W.C. Sommerville, 36 year Executive Secretary for the Lott Carey Convention. President elect Bussey is pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.



Two Black mayors from Virginia join men of Troas by joining in the march of the thousands pose with veteran Executive Secretary Dr. W.C. Sommerville in Richmond at the Lott Carey. Left to right is Dr. Noel C. Taylor, mayor of Roanoke, Va. and pastor of the High Street Baptist Church, Dr. Sommerville, the Rev. Lawrence Davies, mayor of Fredericksburg, Va., pastor Shiloh, New Site Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, Va. and the Rev. K.O. P. Godwin, pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston Salem, N.C., chairman of the Finance Committee.

Baptist Associations Sponsor African Evangelist

Ghana, West Africa - Delegates to the 79th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention heard Evangelist S.K. Arthur of Ghana make an elegant appeal for support for his Budding Baptist Organization in West Africa.

The enthused Evangelist is presently visiting the U.S. as a guest of the Lumbee River and the Union Baptist Association.

Evangelist Arthur was invited to Lott Carey by President, C.R. Edwards to bring greetings and explain his mission to the U.S. As a foreigner, the Evangelist was unable to come into the

country with a sponsor. Thus the Lumbee River and the Union Association were gracious enough to sponsor him.

Evangelist Arthur was brought to Pembroke, N.C. where Paul Addae, his son in the ministry is currently located. Through Dr. E.B. Turner, he was introduced to Dr. Edwards who was then President of the Lott Carey Convention.

The primary purpose of the Evangelist's visit is to raise funds for an Organization of Baptist in Ghana, W. Africa. After his appeal to the Convention, a movement was begun to aid the crusader. Initial aid

has been realized through efforts by the Lumber River and Union Association.

An example of the zeal of the Evangelist is seen in the following:

Did you ever visualize the idol worshippers dominating a town with their teachings and great fear imposed upon the people,

because of certain tragedy that had befallen the town?

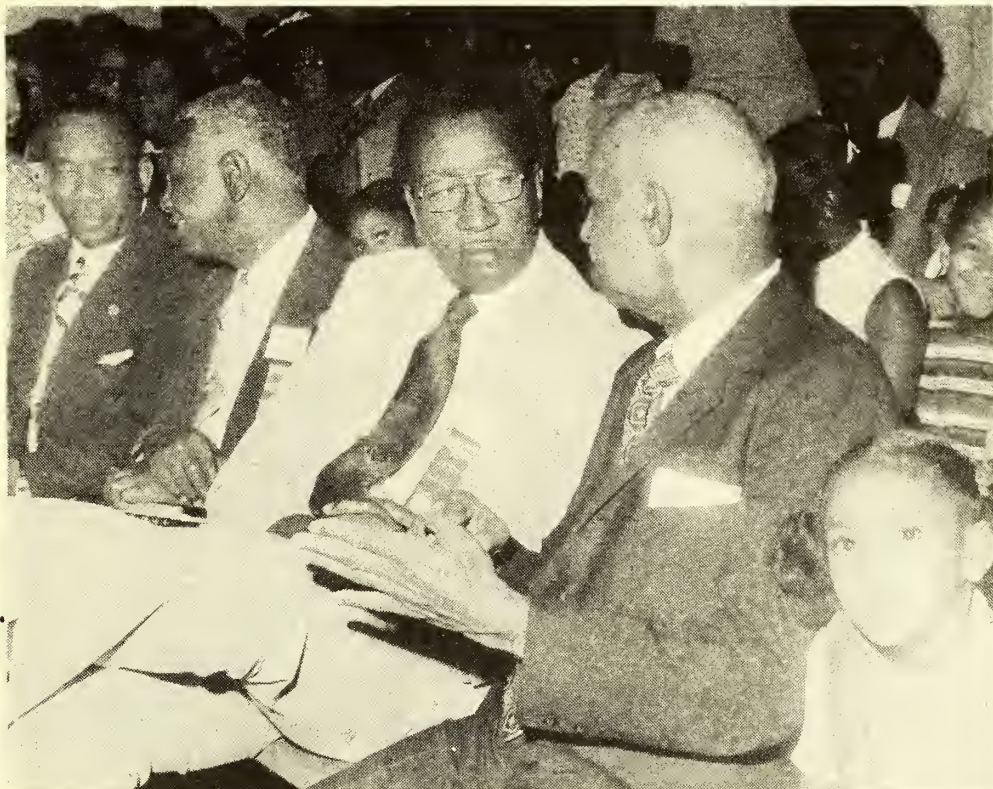
Did you ever see Christians bowing down to the laws of the heat heathen witch doctors because the idol of the town is offended and all the inhabitants ought to pacify it? Did you ever hear people attributing the cause of bus which claimed the

lives of eleven people to the fact that they have neglected the worshipping of their great idol?

These and countless incidents are happening in present day Ghana. Majority of Christians here condone this way of life because they are weak, and this leads to the wrath of God falling upon the children of disobedience.



Executive Secretary M.A. Horne, of the Women's Baptist State Convention of N.C., from Winston Salem and Mrs. J.C. Hairston secretary in the Women's department are interested in president Nettie Gaither's annual address during Lott Carey's annual session in Richmond, Va.



Reverend Wesley Grant at left and John McQueen, Laymen League President, General Baptist Convention, and president, Dr. C.R. Edwards, Fayetteville, with Dr. Wendell C. Somerville at far right stress the importance of cooperative missions at one session while a very pretty little girl gives her attention at the Lott Carey annual session in Richmond at the Fifth Street Baptist Church.



The representatives of 171 churches who made their way to Troas by leading their congregation in contributing \$1,000.00 to Foreign Missions at the 79th annual meeting

of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention meeting with Fifth Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia August 30 thru September 4.

Baptist Youth Present Christian Fashion Show

Miss Jean Walker

(The following address was presented at the "Youth Inspiration Day at the Falling Fun Baptist Church.)

You know, as youth and young people, I think one of the greatest concerns and points of conversation for many of us is style. Many times the conversation follows the trend such as, "Did you see Robert last night, child?" "I mean he was really decked out", and then a description of his outfit or her outfit is explained. Not only are we concerned about styles of clothes but we're interested in being in styles when it comes to music, dancing, sports and even conversation. A couple of months ago you weren't in style unless you went around with your hat turned up in front and said "dyno-mite" everytime something and in many cases when someone impressed you. Now if you go around saying "right on" these days, I'm sorry to say, but they are definitely out of style.

You see it's styles which make or break an individual. Let's look at Walt Frazier. He has a style of his own off the basketball court as well as on the court. His coolness of play on the court and his wild clothes off the court have really gotten him attention. Then look at the Pointer Sisters their style of music has revolutionized the music industry as well as their dress which to the disappointment of some and yet to the delight of others has brought hemlines down at least two inches. Many of us as youth this summer are working hard so we'll have some money to buy clothes that will be in style this fall. Now I realize that for us youth being in style as far as appearance and action is very important. This is why today I'd like to help you be "in style" I've decided to present a very small fashion show and allow you to sit back and be the buyer and select your style. However you know before you go to buy anything though many times it's good to have in mind just what you're looking for. So I'll give you sixty seconds to sit back and get the idea together of just what is your style. As I get my models in order you just relax and ask the question what is my style especially your spiritual style.

Okay, It's time for the first model to come forward. This model is under the label of a Christian and is called the "Alibi". You see this here is a young person whose main complaint for not living the Christian life as he should is that old folks have not set the right example so I'm just living what I've seen all these years. He believes the old saying that any excuse will do. It rained too hard, those dresses were too hot, the man preaches too long, the air conditioner wasn't working to explain his actions. He hasn't realized that it's time to be real and honest about salvation. He hasn't realized the time has come to be honest with God. Neither does he realize that Christ knows his heart, his name and his face. Style No. 1 is not aware of the fact that each in-

dividual old and young must stand before Christ in the judgement for himself and that all the alibis for not serving God will become reason for eternal damnation better known as hell. Yet, I must admit that the price of this style is very expensive-death.

Style No. 2 goes right along with style No. 1. You might say they go hand in-hand. I can call this particular design Mr. Casual. Yes this is a young person also who has accepted Christ, who is in the church and in several activities. Instead of church being something solemn and special Christ is just another person. With this style you come to church when you want to, stay home when you want to, think nothing of it when you write notes to your friend about what happened last night, forget about the services in progress. This style is unique in that it is always looking for shortcuts when it comes to spiritual matters. You know, church services one time a week, pray one prayer, read one section of scripture. This style has many potential problems. Like so many youth today this style leads to being worldly in such a way that no difference can be seen between believers and unbelievers. You see you will find the casual style of Christian in worldly places dress immodestly, use profane language and are bound by the same habits as those who never accepted Christ. As youth we should really be aware of this style. The Bible admonished us "Love not the world" (1 John 2:15).

This casual style is also reversible. It can be reversed to a style known as lukewarm. When this casual style becomes lukewarm you become a two faithed person, straddling the fence - failing to give total commitment and affection to the Lord. This is a very dangerous style because Revelation 3:16 tells us that God would spew thee out of my mouth because as youth God wants full devotion from his own and he refuses to share his glory with any of your so-called gods that crash, rust, break and depreciate such as money, cars and clothes. He needs and wants Youth with a style who will stand up for him and be real witnesses.

The next style is a combination of two in one and is called the independent intellect. You see in this style we find those who are so smart and intelligent that need only read the Bible once a week. They are of such intelligence that they don't believe God meant the Bible to bread for our daily use. They actually haven't acquired a taste for the word because they sample it only occasionally. Another special feature of this style is that this individual doesn't need God everyday. After leaving church on Sunday Christ is erased out of this person's life. When the daily routine starts again, it's just like taking an eraser and wiping the service off the board. Christ isn't recognized the rest of the week. Instead of believing that God can

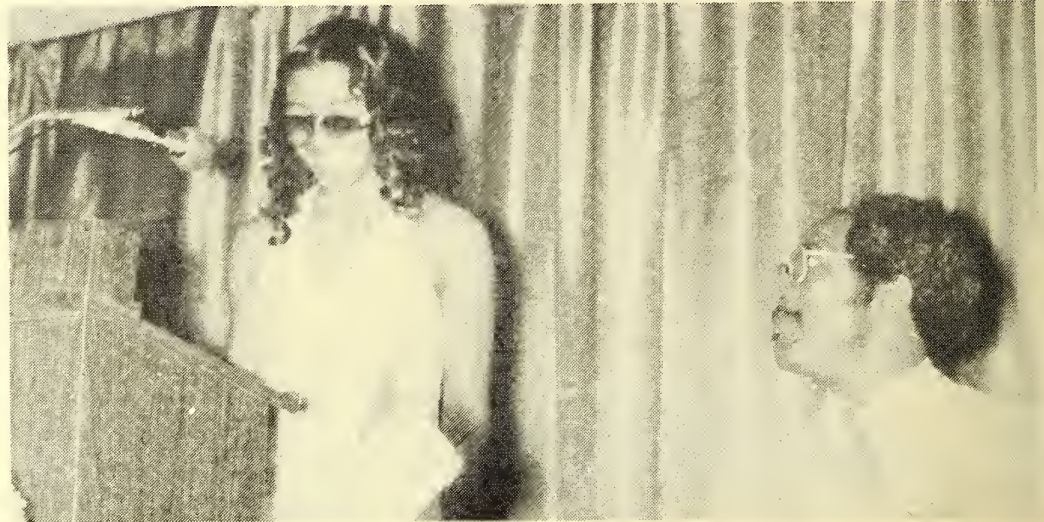
do more with my life than I can it is I can do everything, I don't need God's help. We don't realize that he is indeed the Great physician. This style is not willing to accept God's answer to our prayers and agree with him. Pridge, intolerance, prejudice, or greed makes us reluctant to agree with God when he speaks. Sometimes this style of person is just too big for God to use. The guidance from God is not good because this style does not listen to God's guidance.

Now it's time for me to present a Christian exclusive style. This is a very unique style and there is only one of this kind. I call this

style "Jesus". John 14:6 states that, I am the way, the truth, and the life. This style is really unique because you see it's only one of it's kind. Yet it's available to everyone of us if we only believe. What makes this Jesus style so special are the fruits one has with this style. This Jesus style is dressed up with all types of accessories: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance.

There's a new life through this Jesus style. There's assurance with this Jesus style that you'll always be on top. This Christ

style replaces fear with faith. And you know what really makes this style special is the price. In these times of inflation you can get this Christ style better known as salvation free because the price has already been paid by Christ himself. So youth, today as a personal wearer of this style, I recommend that you pull off those other styles and put on Jesus. Allow him to be your Shepherd. Take inventory now which style are you wearing? How about trying on the Jesus style. You may not be in style now but when you put on him you will definitely be "in style".



YOUTH PRESIDENT GREETES BANQUETERS

WINSTON SALEM — One could assume that Miss Elizabeth Brooks, State Youth President, from Gastonia has generated a feeling of warmth and well being to those persons attending the third annual

benefit banquet of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, held in August at Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem. If the expression on Dr. F.G. Sampson's face is the measure of things.

With her radiant smile and her pleasing personality, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro sophomore greeted the banqueters placing special emphasis on the All Baptist Assembly theme "Christian Freedom and Responsibility".

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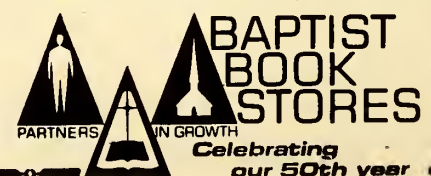
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Men Of Troas

By Mrs. Vera Walthour
Durham — Dr. W.T. Bigelow, pastor of the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church at Durham, N.C. was the only minister of Durham, according to Dr. Somerville, to be among the Men of Troas, an honorary position given to ministers for leading

their congregation to make at least a one thousand dollars contribution to the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Baptist Convention, Dr. Bigelow was also appointed to the Executive Board of the Lott Carey.

The affair was held at the Fifth Street Baptist Church located on Third Avenue at Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, September 1, 1976. Dr. C.R. Edwards, President of the Lott Carey Convention, made the presentation of the Certificate of Distinction to Dr. Bigelow.



Dr. W. T. Bigelow

To Participate In County Health Fair

RALEIGH, N.C. — It was announced today by Mr. H. Donnell Lewis, Supervisor of Audiology and Mrs. Linda C. Lewis, Supervisor of Speech Pathology, that the Shaw University Speech and Hearing Clinic will participate in the Wake County Health Fair to be held in the North Hills Fashion Mall, September 30, October 1 and 2.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic will man a booth on the lower level of the mall complete with testing materials, therapy materials, visual classroom aids, and faculty and students will be present to answer questions about the clinic.

In addition, the Speech and Hearing Clinic will present a videotape presentation of the activities conducted daily in the Speech and Hearing Clinic. The videotape presentation will be produced through the facilities of the TV - Film division of the Learning Resources Center, under the direction of Mr. Paul Vandergrift, area coordinator.

The Health Fair will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. each day.

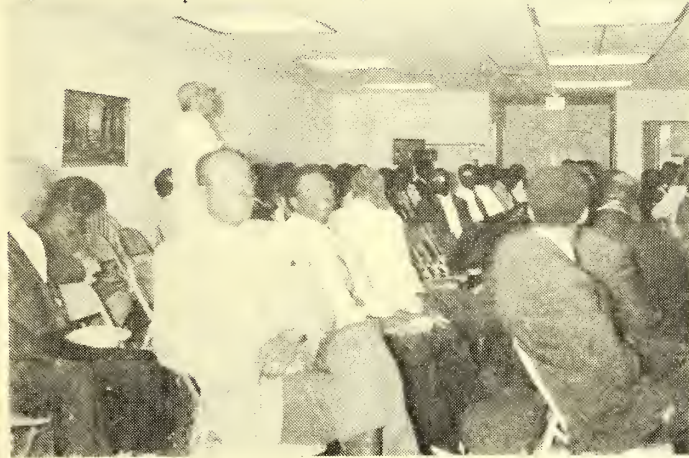
Convocation Slated For Nov.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Shaw University will observe its One-hundred-eleventh Convocation for the Observance of Founder's Day, Friday, November 12, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Graveside services will be conducted at the grave of Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, with the placing of the wreath and the quotation by Dr. Richard L. Fields, acting president of the university.

Convocation services will follow in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for the occasion will be the Honorable Dr. Joy Johnson, president of the General Baptist State Convention, and a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

The activities will be concluded with the university luncheon at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, and the Alumni Banquet at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Downtown.

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Board At Work

Winston Salem — There was work as well as Fellowship and inspiration at the All Baptist Assembly. Seen in the above photo is a number of the Executive and General Board members. In the midst of the serious business, there were

moments of humor as seen reflected in the face of Dr. E.B. Turner and Rev. Elbert Lee in the foreground of the photo. Dr. Coleman Kerry, Jr. (standing) is intensely engaged in the vital issues confronting the boards.



Ebenezer Laymen Give To GBSC Unified Plan

Charlotte — In support of the missionary program of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., Charles Porter, president of the Ebenezer laymen presented a check for \$1,000 to John McQueen, State Laymen President as their contribution to the Unified Plan.

Under the Unified Plan a certain percentage of the contributions are allotted to Shaw University, State Missions, Lott

Carey Foreign Missions and Central Orphanage.

The Laymen also presented a check for \$300 to Deacon Board Chairman Tennyson in support of Ebenezer's missionary endeavors.

Following an inspiring message by the pastor, Rev. A.B. Sutton, a Buffet Dinner, honoring President McQueen was held at the Downtowner East Motor Inn.

Rev. Edward L. Fleming

Roanoke Salem Installs Native Son As Pastor

Garysburg — The Reverend Edward L. Fleming, Sr. is the third pastor elected at Roanoke Salem Baptist Church during the twentieth century. He was installed in a solemn and impressive ceremony, Sunday, July 25, 1976, at 6:00 p.m. Service, with the Reverend Morris Shearin presiding.

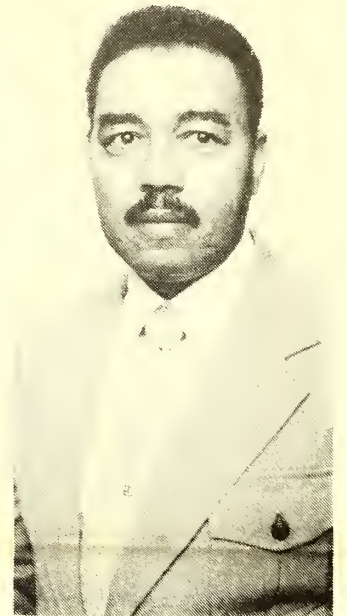
Participants in the Service, along with the various organizations of Roanoke Salem Church were: Rev. Jeremiah Webb, and Rev. L.C. Edwards. There were sizable representation from two other churches, pastored by Reverend Fleming: Patillos' Chapel of Henrico, and Tillery Chapel of Tillery. Music was furnished by the Carter's Chapel Choir of Roanoke Rapids, under the direction of Mr. T.S. Cooper, and Salem Senior Choir under the direction of Mr. Woodrow W. Harding, Jr. The Installation Sermon was delivered by the Reverend Charles T. Bullock, pastor, St. James Baptist Church of Rocky Mount. His message was entitled: "God's Call — Man's Response".

The message was very well delivered and full of information and inspiration. It was received with eagerness by the congregation.

Reverend Fleming's family and friends were in attendance at the Service. Friends and family from his home church in Weldon, where the late Dr. C.C. Station pastored were: Miss Thelma Staton, daughter of Dr. Staton and her nephew, Charles of New York City. A wonderful fellowship hour following the Service provided an opportunity

for members of Rev. Fleming's other churches to get to know each better.

Reverend Fleming, a native of Halifax County, N.C., resides in Roanoke Rapids. He and his lovely wife, Mrs. Molester Fleming are parents of eight children, to whom they have proven to be a devoted mother and father. He has always been a devout Christian worker in his home church, Carter's Chapel and later London Baptist Church. At the present he is enrolled in the Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, N.C.



Rev. E. L. Fleming



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After leaving the All Baptist Assembly the first of August in Winston-Salem jubilant and rejoicing over the tremendous success of 4,000 Souls Saved and \$800,000.00 raised plus the Spirit of Christian Unity and Harmony and while thanking and praising God for His Wonder-Working Power, I was reliably informed that Shaw University and the Divinity School were in dire financial Need. In the midst of Meditation and Mourning - a Program and Plan was Divinely revealed to Save Our Schools - Shaw and the Divinity School.

The Plan was simply to Publish a "1977 Who's Who Among N.C. Baptists and Shawites." The Publication to consist of 1,000 pages, listing Biographical data and picture of Pastors and Laymen who have made significant contributions to their Community and State. The data and picture would be placed on 1/4 page for a cost of \$250.00.

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The Publication of this Significant Document on the Contributions of Blacks Primarily would bring in a gross receipt of One Million Dollars. However, the expenses would be far less than \$200,000.00. This would give us a net income exceeding \$800,000.00. Also gives the

Convention financial creditability, dignity and pride as well as history of our heritage.

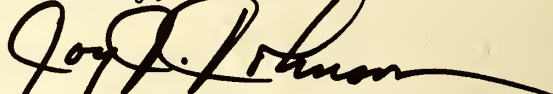
Therefore, on November 4, 1976 at the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., Rev. C.T. Bullock, pastor, bring a check for \$125.00 for 1/4 page or \$250.00 for 1/2 page as down payment and deposit for your Biography to appear in "Who's Who Among N.C. Baptists or Shawites." If you are selected as a Nationally Outstanding Contributor to Society your down payment or deposit will be \$500.00.

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Your President will be speaking at Shaw University's Founders' Day, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring your check if you cannot do so on November 4th at Rocky Mount. Let us make another Record Breaking Session.

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Joy J. Johnson
President

Old Gospel Heard

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Theological Alumni Association of which Dr. C.C. Craig is Executive Secretary and Dr. C.R. Mosley is President, held its Fellowship Breakfast at the Dallas Hilton Hotel. There were more than 50 people in attendance. Dr. W.B. Lewis,

pastor of Raleigh's First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, addressed the group. The arrangements for the plane, room accommodations at the Baker Hotel and a tour of Dallas were made by Dr. C.C. Craig, Chairman of the Transportation Committee along with Dr. O.L. Sherrill.

Dr. Boone

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He served for ten years as Statistician of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., and for four years as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Convention's Executive Board; while he has served, repeatedly, as Chairman of the denomination's Committee on Resolutions. He is still a

member of the Executive Board. His scholarly manuscripts include, Means and Ends In

Religious Education; Some Distinctive Problems of the City Church; A functional Study of the Ministerial Profession; Vital

Dimensions of Effective Power; Negro Progress - 8 vols.

A native of Murfreesboro (Hertford County) N.C., his educational background in-

cludes Shaw University, Raleigh; Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa.; N.C. Central University, Durham; Union Theological Seminary and

Columbia University, New York City; the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; while his travels abroad include tours of parts of three continents - Europe, Africa and Asia, embracing all of the Holy Land.